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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has finalized an agreement to enhance cooperation in the field of science and education with China, South Korea and Saudi Arabia;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with outcome thereof; and

(c) steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): Yes, sir. A Memorandum of Scientific and Educational Co- operation between the Ministry of Human Resource Development in the Republic of India and the Ministry of Higher Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was signed on 06.11.2006 at New Delhi. An Educational Exchange Programme (EEP) between the Ministry of Human Resource Development of the

Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Education of the Government of the People's Republic of China on Cooperation in the field of education has been signed on 21.11.2006 at New Delhi. However, no such agreement has been finalized in respect of South Korea.

(b) & (c): The agreements with China and Saudi Arabia inter alia provide for:
1) Exchange of scholars, teachers, researchers and experts;
2) Organization of training programmes for teaching professionals,
3) Facilitating mutual recognition of educational qualifications;
4) Exchange of academic scholarships for further education
5) Exchange of documented materials, publications, etc.
6) Organization of seminars, lectures, symposia etc.
7) Promotion of languages of both countries.

The agreements with China and Saudi Arabia, both initially valid for a period of five years, envisage to strengthen the existing cordial relations between India and the respective countries and to increase the level of co-operation in the educational fields including science in accordance with the principles of equality and mutual benefit.